

REMARKS

The following remarks are provided in further support of the Claims.

ELECTION/RESTRICTIONS UNDER 35 USC 121

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 USC

121:

- I. A process for removing anionic contaminants from water, classified in class 210, subclass 683 (Claims 1-4).
- II. A composition of matter, classified in class 502, subclass 400+ (Claims 5-8).

Applicants elect Group I, a process for removing anionic contaminants from water, Claims 1-4, without traverse.

An election of species is also required. The Office states that the application contains claims directed to the following patentably distinct species:

- (1) anionic contaminant species (e.g. chromium or arsenic)
- (2) sorbent material chemical substance species (e.g., MgAl_2O_4 , ZnFe_2O_4 , etc).

Applicants elect the anionic contaminant species arsenic and the sorbent material CuFe_2O_4 .

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